



IFES Quarterly Report: January 1, 2005 – March 31, 2005

Angola – Technical Elections Consultation/Assistance Project

USAID Cooperative Agreement No. DGC-A-00-01-00004-00

Project Period: January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004*

Total Budget: \$270,000 Expenses Recorded to Date: \$174,826

* a reprogramming/extension request is pending.

Background

The National Assembly will soon conduct the final vote on the bills that make up the Electoral Legislative Package, which will support the coming general elections, expected to take place in the second semester of the year 2006.

The electoral package is comprised of the bills on Electoral Law, Nationality, Political Parties, Financing of Political Parties, Electoral Registration, Electoral Observation and Code of Electoral Conduct.

Political parties disagree as to whether or not the proposed electoral commission should be independent or under auspices of the government. Opposition groups fear that the MPLA may use its majority in parliament to push its own agenda. Moreover, there are fears that a government-run National Electoral Commission might jeopardize the chances of a fair and transparent voter registration process.

Activities

No activities were conducted however IFES has been following up with the DNE and discussing possible program ideas with CEPPS partners.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

IFES will send a representative to Angola to develop a workplan calendar with the DNE and begin the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding. Based on the findings of this mission, IFES will look to reprogram remaining funds through September 2005.

Attachments

None